



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No 02-763-B (400/129))

In the Application of:)
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 McSwiggen *et al.*)
) Examiner: Bowman, Amy H.
 Serial No.: 10/667,271)
) Group Art Unit: 1635
 Filing Date: September 16, 2003)
) Confirmation No. 8658
 For: RNA Interference Mediated Inhibition)
 Of Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Gene)
 Expression Using Short Interfering)
 Nucleic Acid (siNA))

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the restriction requirement mailed on April 14, 2006 in the above-mentioned application. Applicant submits herewith a petition for a one month extension of time and the appropriate fee. It is believed that no further fee is due in connection with this filing. However, if a fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account 13-2490.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

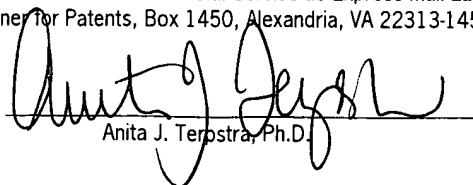
Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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Date: June 13, 2006


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